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SUBJECT: KAUNDA STATE VISIT - DETAILS

REF: (A) STATE 113732; (B) LUSAKA 1636

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES YOUR RESPONSES TO REF A. IN
ANSWER TO YOUR FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS IN REF B,

-- NGONDAS SHOULD NOT AND CANNOT BE DROPPED AS MEMBERS OF
OFFICIAL PARTY. THEY IN ESSENCE ARE ZAMBIAN HOST TO
PRESIDENT AND MRS. KAUNDA AS PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER
ARE AMERICAN HOSTS.

-- WE CAN GIVE A TENTATIVE APPROVAL ON TWENTY SEATS FOR
ZAMBIAN PARTY ON VC-9. (FYI: WE ARE ABLE TO GIVE TWO
EXTRA SEATS AS INITIAL RECOMMENDATION FOR STATE SECURITY
TO PROTECT MRS. KAUNDA AND MR. KAMANGA WILL LIKELY BE
DISAPPROVED. DECISION IS BASED PRIMARILY ON FACT THAT
SCHEDULES OF MRS. KAUNDA AND MR. KAMANGA ARE ALMOST
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IDENTICAL TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND THEREFORE WILL BE
PROTECTED BY "UMBRELLA" OF U.S. SECRET SERVICE. IF
THIS DECISION IS REVERSED, WE VERY WELL MAY HAVE SEAT
PROBLEMS.)

-- AVERSION TO CARRIAGES WAS PUT TO US BY NGONDA WHO
CLAIMED THAT TRADITIONAL CARRIAGE RIDES WERE SYMBOLIC

OF COLONIAL ERA.

-- WHEN IN WASHINGTON, BLAIR HOUSE IS ONLY LODGING WE WILL PAY FOR. IF ZAMBIANS CHOOSE NOT TO HOUSE OTHER MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY IN BLAIR HOUSE, THEN THEY MUST ASSUME COST OF OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

-- NGONDA WAS SOMEWHAT UPSET AT THE DECISION OF WORKING DINNER AT WHITE HOUSE AS HE HAD PUSHED FOR STATE DINNER (SEE PARA 2).

-- AS MRS. VANCE'S LUNCHEON IS MIXED LUNCHEON, SHOULD CAPTAIN KAUNDA, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OR ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF ACCOMPANYING PARTY BE INVITED? WITH FOUR MENTIONED REF B, WE SUGGEST FIVE OTHERS. (FYI: U.S. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WILL BE INVITED TO MRS. VANCE'S LUNCHEON.)

-- ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE FOR SUPPORT STAFF TO EAT WHILE PRESIDENT IS INVOLVED IN MEAL FUNCTIONS. HOWEVER, IN SOME CASES PERSONNEL WILL HAVE TO EAT IN TWO SHIFTS, AS THIS IS WAY OUR SECURITY AND ADC'S OPERATE.

2. AMBASSADOR NGONDA HAD TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PROTOCOL, DESK AND SECURITY TODAY. OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE BY ALL THAT NGONDA WAS UPSET ABOUT DECISIONS THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN HIS WEEK OF ABSENCE.
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IT WAS DIPLOMATICALLY EXPLAINED THAT WE HAD NO OTHER CHANNEL BUT THROUGH OUR AMBASSADOR. THE PROBLEMS WERE:

-- WHITE HOUSE DINNER: NGONDA FEELS THAT DECISION WAS MADE WITHOUT ALL THE FACTS. WE EXPLAINED THAT OUR EMBASSY WAS FULLY AWARE AND THAT CHONA SHOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE THROUGH BRIEFINGS BY NGONDA. WE HAVE INFORMED NGONDA THAT THERE IS NO WAY THAT WORKING DINNER CAN BE CHANGED.

-- NGONDA HAD SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT HOUSTON STOP. HE THOUGHT THAT MAYBE 707 COULD PROCEED TO CALIFORNIA THEREFORE NO PRESS COVERAGE. PLEASE ADVISE.

-- NGONDA QUESTIONED MEETING WITH BLACK COMMUNITY WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY EVENING IN LOS ANGELES. HE WOULD NOT GIVE US HIS COMMITMENT EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE EXPLAINED THAT CHONA HAD AGREED. PLEASE ADVISE.

-- THE ZAMBIANS HAVE BEEN EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF KAUNDA APPEARING ON "FACE THE NATION" WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE

DONE LIVE ON SUNDAY MORNING AT 8:30AM LOS ANGELES TIME.
THIS WOULD CUT INTO FARM STOP AND MAKE PLAYING GOLF
VERY LIMITED. PLEASE ADVISE. ALSO, WHO WOULD PLAY
GOLF WITH KAUNDA.

FYI: MEANWHILE, DEPARTMENT IS EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF
MORNING NETWORK NEWS INTERVIEW (I.E., "TODAY" SHOW, "GOOD
MORNING AMERICA") IN PLACE OF FACE THE NATION WHICH
APPEARS DOUBTFUL. VANCE

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